

CHAPTER XXVIII.

An Act to extend the time for taking the Assessments in this State.

- SECTION 1. Assessments for 1858 extended to August 18.
2. Act takes effect on passage.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Time of assess-
ment extended

SECTION 1. That the assessments to be made by the Assessors, as provided for in an Act providing for Township Organizations, shall be extended to the twentieth day of August next, instead of the time now specified and provided.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS COWAN,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—July seventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
Governor *ad interim.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
July 7, 1858.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXIX.

An Act relating to Prairie Fires.

- SECTION 1. Prohibits setting on fire of Prairie's, &c., except by giving one days notice to all persons interested, severally.
2. Manner of recovering penalties.
3. Prosecutions to be commenced by any person cognizant of offence—disposal of fines and penalties.
4. Repeal of Acts inconsistent herewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That if any person or persons shall, at any time hereafter, willingly and intentionally, or negligently

and carelessly set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any woods, prairies or other grounds whatsoever in any part of this State, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay ^{Setting on fire of prairies prohibited except by notice—penalty} not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars; *Provided*, That this section shall not extend to any person who shall set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any woods or prairie adjoining his or her own farm or enclosure, for the necessary protection thereof from accident by fire, by giving to his or her neighbors one days notice of such intention; *Provided further*, That in case the neighbors come together and participate in the burning of any wood, prairies or grounds, the notice specified in this section shall not be necessary or given; *Provided, also*, That this section shall not be construed to take away any civil remedy, which any person may be entitled to for any injury which may be done or received in consequence of such firing.

SEC. 2. The penalties provided in the foregoing section shall be recovered by action of debt, before any Justice of the Peace in the county where such offence shall have been committed, upon complaint of any legal voter residing in the county where such offence has been committed. ^{Penalty—manner of recovery}

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of any person who shall have any knowledge of such offence, or of any legal voter of the county in which such offence has been committed, to prosecute such offender in the name of the State of Minnesota, and all fines and penalties so recovered, shall be applied to the use and support of the public schools in the township in which such offence shall have been committed. ^{Prosecution by persons knowing to the officer}

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
President of the Senate.

APPROVED—June twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
Governor *ad interim*.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
June 23, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN,
Secretary of State.